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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION (ROBERT L. VESCO)

REF: A. BUENOS AIRES 9024, B. STATE 241169

1. LOCAL PRESS TODAY CARRIES STORY UNDER HEADLINE QUOTE VESCO
CASE: IMMIGRATION CHIEF SACKED UNQUOTE.

2. FIRST 2 PARAGRAPHS OF STORY IN BUENOS AIRES HERALD SUMMARIZE
ACTION AND ARE ALSO QUOTED "THE SCANDAL SURROUNDING THE GRANTING
OF PERMANENT RESIDENT IN ARGENTINA TO ROBERT VESCO THE FUGITIVE
FINANCIER, BURST LIKE A BALLOON YESTERDAY. IN SWIFT SUCCESSION,
INTERIOR MINISTER BENITO LLAMBI REVOKED THE PERMISSION FOR VESCO
AND A PARTNER CALLED ULRICH JACOB STRICKLER TO RESIDE IN ARGENTINA
AND FIRED THE CHIEF OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, JUSTO EDMUNDO
GNAVI UNQUOTE.

3. STORY INDICATES RESIDENCE PERMIT WAS GRANTED EARLIER IN YEAR
BY IMMIGRATION AT REQUEST OF A COMPANY CALLED PAVINCO, WAS REVOKED
AT THE REQUEST OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND AGAIN GRANTED BY
IMMIGRATION ON OCT 31. THIS MAY ACCOUNT FOR DIFFICULTY FONOFF
HAD IN PROVIDING PRECISE DATE OF REVOKATION AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

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4. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING, ACTION OF GOA HAS

BEEN SUFFICIENTLY FORTHCOMING AND THAT NOTE TO FONOFF REQUESTING
FORMAL OPINION ON LEGAL EFFECT OF DECLARATORY JUDGEMENT BY JUDGE
RODRIGUEZ MIGHT POSSIBLY BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE (PARA 3 REF B).

5. IT IS OUR OPINION THAT IN VIEW OF ACTION TAKEN BY MINISTRY
OF INTERIOR FOLLOWING RETIREMENT OF JUDGE RODRIGUEZ THAT JUDGES
SO CALLED DECLARATORY JUDGEMENT OF ONLY SECONDARY IMPORTANCE AND
WE PROPOSE DROPPING EFFORTS TO OBTAIN FORMAL OPINION UNLESS
DEPARTMENT OR OF JUSTICE BELIEVE THERE ARE OVERRIDING REASONS FOR
CONTINUING EFFORT.

6. WE DO PLAN TO CONTINUE INFORMAL EFFORTS TO OBTAIN COPY OF
ORDER REVOKING IMMIGRATION PERMITS OF VESCO AND STRICKLER AND WILL
FORWARD WHEN RECEIVED.
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